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## MARIE LOUISE ARDANS

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 63]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 63) for the relief of Marie Louise Ardans, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Marie Louise Ardans. The bill further provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

A letter dated August 25, 1949, addressed to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, from the Assistant to the Attorney General, with reference to a bill which was introduced in the Eighty-first Congress for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
Washington, August 25, 1949.

HON. PAT McCARRAN,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 1261) for the relief of Marie Louise Ardans, an alien.

The bill would provide that Marie Louise Ardans shall be considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of February 17, 1948, the date on which she was admitted as a visitor, upon payment of head tax and visa fee. It would further provide that the Secretary of State shall instruct the quota-control officer to deduct one number from the appropriate immigration quota.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that Marie Louise Ardans is a native and citizen of France, having been born at Aldudes in that country on April 12, 1894. She entered the United States by plane at the port of New York on February 17, 1948, when she was admitted as a visitor for pleasure, for a period to expire on August 15, 1948. She has been granted three extensions of her temporary stay, but her application, on April 25, 1949, for a further extension for 6 months was denied. Deportation proceedings, however, were ordered held in abeyance pending consideration of this bill.

The files further reflect that the alien was engaged in farming in her native country, that she has never married, that she no longer has relatives in France, and that she has no income of her own. When recently interviewed she was visiting friends in Elko, Nev., and living in a hotel there. She is supported by her two brothers, who are ranchers, living in Buffalo, Wyo., and Reno, Nev., respectively. She stated that she accepted her brother's invitation to visit him in this country, hoping she would be able to stay here permanently. There is nothing in the record to indicate she has not been a person of good moral character.

It has come to the attention of the Department of Justice that there has been an increasing number of aliens who enter this country as visitors with the intention of having their immigration status adjusted to that of permanent residents. The quota for France, to which the alien is chargeable, is not oversubscribed, but reports indicate that at present French quota numbers are available only to residents of France. However, French numbers for issuance outside of France are being allocated for October with the prospect that, from that time forward, the French quota will again be on a current basis. There is no evidence that the alien is not eligible to receive an immigration visa, and there do not appear to be any facts which would warrant waiving the general provisions of the immigration laws by the enactment of special legislation in her favor.

Accordingly, this Department is unable to recommend enactment of this measure.

Yours sincerely,

PEYTON FORD,  
*The Assistant to the Attorney General.*

The files of the Committee on the Judiciary contain the following information with reference to a bill which was introduced in the Eighty-first Congress for the relief of the same alien:

ELKO, NEV., May 12, 1949.

Re Marie Louise Ardans

Hon. PAT McCARRAN,

*Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SENATOR McCARRAN: In reply to the five listed questions on the enclosed Senate Committee on the Judiciary form, dated April 18, 1949, and addressed to you in connection with your above bill, I am pleased to advise as follows:

*Question No. 1.*

Marie Louise Ardans was admitted on a 3 (2) visa as a visitor, which is her present status.

*Question No. 2.*

She is residing with her relatives and being supported by them, and is engaged in no other activities.

*Question No. 3.*

The names of the persons who are furnishing her with support during her visit in the United States are her two brothers, Pete Ardans of Buffalo, Wyo., and John Ardans of Litchfield, Calif.

*Question No. 4.*

Miss Ardans is not engaged in any activity, political or otherwise, injurious to the American public interest. She does not belong to, nor is she in any way

connected with, any group or organization whose principles are contrary to organized government and to the Government of the United States.

*Question No. 5.*

Miss Ardans has never been arrested or threatened with arrest, or convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law. In support of this statement there is attached hereto a certificate of the sheriff of Elko County, Nev., and a like certificate by the chief of police of the city of Elko, State of Nevada.

In addition to the foregoing, I would like to call to your attention and the attention of your committee, the fact that Miss Ardans' only relatives reside in the United States, and she would suffer extreme hardships if she is forced to return to France.

Thanking you and your committee for the consideration I know will be given to this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

JOHN E. ROBBINS,  
*Attorney at law.*

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AFFIDAVIT IN BEHALF OF MARIE LOUISE ARDANS

STATE OF NEVADA,  
*County of Elko, ss:*

I, C. L. Smith, the duly elected, qualified, and acting sheriff of the county of Elko, State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the records of said county of Elko disclose that there has never been any charge of misconduct or arrest against Marie Louise Ardans, a French national temporarily residing in the county of Elko, State of Nevada.

I further certify that I have made an investigation through local reputable and responsible persons who have known the said Marie Louise Ardans over the period of time that she has resided within the county of Elko, State of Nevada, on a temporary visit to the United States from France, and in each and every instance I was informed that the said Marie Louise Ardans is a woman of good moral character, and in no manner opposed to the principles of the United States Government, and from the information that is available to me I believe that the said Marie Louise Ardans is a woman of good moral character, and has always conducted herself as a law-abiding person during the period of her stay in the said county of Elko.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May 1949.

C. L. SMITH.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May 1949.

[SEAL]

VERLA McFARLANE,  
*Notary Public.*

My commission expires November 5, 1952.

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AFFIDAVIT IN BEHALF OF MARIE LOUISE ARDANS

STATE OF NEVADA,  
*County of Elko, ss:*

I, Percy Lanouette, the duly appointed, qualified, and acting chief of police of the city of Elko, county of Elko, State of Nevada, do hereby certify that the records of said city of Elko disclose that there has never been any charge of misconduct or arrest against Marie Louise Ardans, a French national temporarily residing in the county of Elko, State of Nevada.

I further certify that I have made an investigation through local reputable and responsible persons who have known the said Marie Louise Ardans over the period of time that she has resided within the county of Elko, State of Nevada, on a temporary visit to the United States from France, and in each and every instance I was informed that the said Marie Louise Ardans is a woman of good moral character, and in no manner opposed to the principles of the United States Government, and from the information that is available to me I believe that the said

Marie Louise Ardans is a woman of good moral character, and has always conducted herself as a law-abiding person during the period of her stay in the said county of Elko.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May 1949.

PERCY LANOUEETTE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May 1949.

[SEAL]

VERLA McFARLANE,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires November 5, 1952.

Immigration visas under the French quota are not presently available to aliens temporarily residing in the United States.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 63) should be enacted.

